

Dancing With the Norwood Stars proved to be a huge success for the Circle of Hope, as over \$60,000 was raised for the foundation. The event was won by architect Jack Perry.

For more information on Dancing With the Norwood Stars, see Page 8.

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TM rejects DPW purchase

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Though the majority of Town Meeting members supported purchasing land on Lenox Street to increase the size of the Department of Public Works (DPW) yard, the measure did not gain enough support to pass. The 79-47 vote did not receive the 2/3 majority necessary to secure the purchase.

Those opposed to the purchase had two key concerns: the cost to purchase the new land and its location. Several members were concerned with paying \$600,000 for a piece of land appraised at \$485,000 and with keeping the DPW at the Lyman Place site, feeling the town should examine some other locations, including the dump.

One outspoken voice against the purchase was District 4 Town Meeting member

Robert Capasso, who feels the Board of Selectmen is attempting to quickly push this \$11 million project through Town Meeting.

"We're talking about \$11 million to fix the DPW site because it just doesn't work properly," Capasso said, noting they have deferred several other projects, including work on the Norwood Public Schools and the Chapel of St. Gabriel at Highland Cemetery, because of a lack of funds.

He added Town Meeting did not receive adequate information on this proposed purchase, only getting the information on the yellow sheet and a presentation from Town Engineer and Director of Public Works Mark Ryan. Capasso said that even if they purchase the land on Lenox Street, the town would not have enough room on the Lyman Place site to operate, nor would there be any room to ex-

pand. He proposed the landfill as an alternate location.

"The landfill on Winter Street, in my opinion, is the ideal site," Capasso said, adding, "We certainly have more than 45,000 square feet at the landfill... we have more than enough land there to fit the needs of the DPW with room for expansion."

Also speaking out against the site was District 2 Town Meeting member and Finance Commissioner John Hayes, who noted he served on the Public Works committee for five years and they never considered Lyman Place as a potential site.

"Lyman Place was never considered big enough," Hayes said, adding, "This is like sticking your finger in the taxpayer's eye, and I urge you to vote against it."

Board of Selectmen Chair-
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18 teachers handed pink slips

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

In order to balance their budget for Fiscal Year 2012, the School Department cut 18.8 full time equivalent (FTE) personnel on Friday, May 6. This includes three teachers at Norwood High School, 8.8 FTE personnel including teachers at the Coakley Middle School, an elementary school library and four elementary school teachers.

"There will be layoff notices that will be distributed [on Friday, May 6]," Superintendent Jim Hayden said at the May 4 School Committee meeting. "They will be going to 18 teachers."

This \$841,555 reduction in classroom teaching positions helped the School Com-

mittee reach their target budget of \$34,345,233. They are required by state law to present a balance budget to Town Meeting, and in order to do that, had to cut personnel, a decision they did not take lightly.

"It gets to us emotionally to be laying off or letting people go because we pride ourselves in [preserving the classroom], and we always said the last person to go would be in the classroom," School Committee Chairman Mark Joseph said.

Joseph described the budget balancing process as arduous, and says he believes the schools will feel the impact of these personnel cuts.

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man Michael Lyons said they are not trying to rush this project through. He noted that expanding the DPW has been a on the capital outlay list since he began his tenure on the Capital Outlay Committee seven years ago, and the search for a new site goes back even longer. Fifteen sites in town have been examined, including Hennessey Field, the landfill and the General Builders site, but all were rejected, leaving just the Lyman Place site.

"People have worked on this for a very long time," Lyons said. "We have very highly qualified, trained professionals telling us this is the site."

District 4 Town Meeting member and former Selectman Susan McQuaid shared this sentiment.

"We have debated this issue. We have looked at every situation that is possible in this town," she said, arguing that expanding the Lyman Place site is a reasonable proposal agreed upon by both outside experts and members of the DPW.

Even if this is the site, several Town Meeting members could not stomach paying approximately 24 percent more than the site's appraised value.

"To spend \$600,000, more than what the property is assessed, doesn't make sense to me," said District 5 Town Meeting member Barry Keady, not-

ing that the land on Lenox Street isn't even contiguous to the current Lyman Place site.

A District 3 Town Meeting member asked why they were willing to pay this increased price, and Lyons said, "Very simply, that is the asking price."

General Manager John Carroll noted the property owners originally wanted more for the property, but they negotiated down to \$600,000.

"They were actually looking for more than \$600,000," Carroll said. "They're not going to sell it for less than \$600,000, and we need to have it."

Carroll and Ryan both spoke in favor of the purchase, arguing it is necessary to upgrade and expand the DPW yard to help create a modern facility to better suit the needs of the town.

"The site at Lyman Place has served the town well, and it is our recommendation to stay at Lyman Place and continue to serve the town well," Ryan said, adding that, in order to do this, they need the land on Lenox Street.

"We've been there for 60 years, and if you ever went down there, you'll see it is outdated and really in deplorable condition," Ryan said.

He argued that keeping the DPW yard at Lyman Place is appropriate because it is a centralized location in Norwood,

near the other town offices and Town Hall, is less costly than moving to a new site and the building already exists, meaning there would be less neighborhood opposition.

Carroll added that they have spent years looking for a way to expand the DPW site, and this Lyman Place site will work, and that no other location in town fits their needs.

"Every single time we try to look at something else, it falls by the wayside," Carroll said. "There is no other place we can make this work."

The proposed purchase was based on a Weston & Sampson study, which determined the DPW can remain at the Lyman Place site should they acquire this nearby land. The \$35,000 spent on the study was approved at last December's Special Town Meeting. The idea was to acquire a 14,594 square foot parcel of land from construction company T&W. It could have been used for a variety of purposes, such as storing vehicles, as a vehicle wash bay or as a mechanic bay. This \$600,000 purchase would have been just the first part of the DPW expansion, which would cost an estimated \$11 million.

While there was some strong support for the purchase, it wasn't enough. With a 79-47 vote, approximately 63 percent of members present voted in favor of the project. With 47 opposed, the purchase would have needed 94 votes to pass.

Town Meeting notes

Nichols/Peabody intersection a go

Brad Cole
 Staff Reporter

At the first night of the Special Town Meeting, members approved expanding the scope of the new Norwood High School project to included the Nichols Street/Peabody Road intersection, approved a tax increment financing (TIF) agreement for FM Global and accepted eight streets as public ways.

The Nichols Street/Peabody Road intersection redesign is an \$88,000 project that would convert the area into a traditional t-intersection. The large pedestrian island would be removed and replaced with a smaller island and reduced crosswalk length. The road would also be repaved and granite curbing and concrete sidewalks would be installed on both sides of the street.

"We're trying to clean up that intersection, which is going to be the main entrance way [for the new Norwood High School]," said Board of Selectmen Chairman Michael Lyons.

Town Engineer Mark Ryan spoke in favor of the project, saying it makes perfect sense to redesign this area now.

"The Pedestrian Safety Committee talked about this and

saw it as an ideal opportunity," Ryan said. "We want to make it a conventional t-intersection. If we build it like this, it will be a lot safer up there."

Currently, there is two-way traffic on both sides of the island. With the new design, all traffic will remain on the right side of the island, reducing the number of conflict points and making the intersection safer for drivers and pedestrians.

General Manager John Carroll noted the intersection will now serve as the entrance to the new Norwood High School, and they want to make sure it looks nice. The funding for the project will come from the Norwood High School construction contingency budget.

District 6 Town Meeting member Todd Gunlach suggested, "Maybe we can improve that island by putting a 'No Smoking' sign on that island," suggesting it would be an eyesore to see 20 to 30 students smoking outside the new school.

Carroll noted that this should not be an issue, saying, "The big island will be removed and replaced with a smaller island. There will only be two kids who can fit on that island to smoke."

Town Meeting members approved expanding the scope of the Norwood High School

project to include the work at this intersection. They also approved a 20-year TIF agreement with FM Global, which will save the company approximately \$300,000 in taxes over that period.

In addition, Town Meeting members accepted eight new streets as public ways. Seven of these - Achorn Street, Evergreen Circle, Ledgeview Drive, Fox Run, Quail Run, Overlook Drive and Redwood Drive - passed without much discussion, though the work on the Rockhill Street Extension prompted some.

The Rockhill Street extension is a 200-foot long, 16-foot-wide unpaved street. The town plans on paving the road and installing a lengthy drain system at a cost of \$72,000. The proposal is for the town to pay \$36,000 for this work, and the four homeowners living there would be assessed a betterment and each pay \$9,000 over a ten-year period.

Gunlach was opposed to this charge, noting that three of the four families living on the street have been in Norwood for over 60 years.

"It's a bit troubling to think

Selectmen take no downtown action

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Board of Selectmen heard an extensive presentation from Town Planner Steve Costello and Cecil Group members Ted Brovitz and Steve Cecil on the updated Downtown Master Plan, but took no action on its recommendations at their meeting Tuesday night.

While the presenting group feel the downtown is in a good position, they feel there are ways to improve upon it going forward.

"The town has made significant strides in revitalizing the downtown, at least preparing the downtown for significant investment," Brovitz said, saying he felt the town's façade improve program was a great success and a number of restaurants make the area a draw.

"I think you're a really well kept secret here in Norwood," Brovitz said. "It really is a beautiful downtown."

However, it has some problems. While the town doesn't have a major vacancy rate, what vacancies they do have are troubling, as they are in highly visible locations on Washington Street. In addition, Norwood has some parking problems: there is a lack of packing available in the core area of Washington Street and a lack of long-term parking for the nearly 2,000 employees who work in the center of town.

Costello outlined the recommendations to the Board of

Selectmen, one of which specifically dealt with long-term parking. He feels they can accommodate businesses by making the municipal parking lot between Nahatan Street and Cottage Street unrestricted parking.

"The lot is underutilized, and it makes sense to open it to everybody," Costello said, adding that while there are currently restrictions on the lot, they are not being enforced.

Selectman Paul Bishop agreed with that assessment, saying, "During my entire tenure on the Police Department, I don't remember anyone getting a ticket there. It might as well be unrestricted."

Costello noted that there are 220 parking spaces in this lot, which abuts Babel's and the Apollo Function facility. The firm majority of these are two-hour parking spots, and he proposes making all but the row in front of Babel's unrestricted parking. This would allow for long-term parking in the lot, but still have several short-term spaces for Babel's customers.

Costello spoke with the owners of Babel's about this proposal, and they support it.

"They understand there is an issue with long-term parking," Costello said, and the store's only request was to keep the first row restricted, so their customers would continue to have a place to park.

Costello also revealed the town is in negotiations with YCN Transportation regarding their property on Vernon

Street. These talks are about taking a long-term lease on their property to create a 24-space parking lot.

"YCN has been approached, and the talks have been encouraging," Costello said, adding that acquiring this lot would be a strategic parking acquisition for the town, and would allow them to better service the downtown.

"That would be great in helping to market the properties that are currently vacant," he said.

Selectman Helen Abdallah-Donohue said parking at this lot would have to be restricted, as it would be for customers utilizing Norwood Center. Costello agreed: this would not be a long-term parking lot, but a place where customers could park when they visit the downtown to shop or eat.

Costello also recommended utilizing the town's Economic

Development Fund, as well as a \$10,000 donation from Susan Lewis and a \$2,500 donation from the Myer-Dana Family Trust to hire a Downtown Manager. He feels that such a person could help market the downtown to businesses, and perhaps attract new retail uses to the area.

"It's hard to find these businesses, so we need a person, a Downtown Manager specifically, to promote the downtown," Costello said.

However, several Selectmen spoke against this, due to the current state of the economic and the town's financial status.

"I can't support hiring anyone now because of the economic situation we are in," Donohue said.

Selectman Allan Howard noted the school department had to cut personnel to meet their budget, and the general

government departments had to utilize an Early Retirement Program to do so. As such, hiring a Downtown Manager didn't sit well with him, at least not at the current time.

However, Board of Selectmen Chairman Michael Lyons spoke out in favor of the idea, noting they have the funds available to hire a Downtown Manager. The Economic Development Fund is not part of the operating budget, and is specifically set aside for purposes such as this.

"I see no better use for it at this time than to have a dedicated Downtown Manager," Lyons said, adding, "If we're going to create extra parking and do all these things, we should have the businesses to support them," and a Downtown Manager could attract

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this is how we reward over 60 years of paying taxes in this town: we're going to ask them to pay for a betterment," Gunlach said, adding, "We just gave Factual Mutual \$300,000 in tax incentives, and yet we're going to ask these four residents to pay for a paved street in 2011."

He suggested approving the street without the accessed betterment, but this motion failed to pass. Rather, it was approved and the residents will pay the betterment over 10 years.

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Editorial

We interrupt this regularly scheduled column...

It's true; I almost passed up writing this week's column because Bill Plasko Sr. wasn't around. I mean, if Selectmen can't function without Mr. Plasko, as was plainly evident at Tuesday night's meeting, then how can I possibly be expected to write a column?

For those of you who missed Tuesday's primetime television event, Mr. Plasko was absent from the meeting. During the same meeting, Steve Costello, a town jewel if ever there was one, conducted a well thought out, detailed explanation of the findings of a consultant group hired by the town to evaluate the downtown area.

Mr. Costello, members of the Downtown Steering Committee as well as the consultants were all on hand to seek approval from the board to initiate four major recommendations concluded from the study. As detailed on Page 3 of this week's newspaper, these recommendations include eliminating restrictions at the Cottage Street parking lot behind Babels, expand parking by possible acquisition of property and the hiring of a part time downtown manager, perhaps on a limited consulting basis, to try and lure new businesses to the area, as well as working with landlords and business owners to spruce up that part of Washington Street to make it more appealing.

However, at the conclusion of the presentation and after questions and comments by Selectmen, the board voted to do nothing. With the exception of Selectmen Chairman Michael Lyons, none of them was willing to make a move without Mr. Plasko's involvement. As each recommendation was presented to the board, Selectman Helen Donohue made a motion to "take no action without Mr. Plasko present," and was immediately seconded by Selectman Paul Bishop, with Selectman Allan Howard meekly voting along with the majority.

It really was quite sad to see a board so paralyzed with fear. Yes, Mr. Plasko is a knowledgeable guy and his input is always valuable, but what do you think the chances are he would have withheld moving forward on the hard work presented to them that evening if one of the others was absent? Zero, because Mr. Plasko, along with Mr. Lyons, have the confidence in themselves and the board as a whole to make proper decisions voters thought they were capable of making when supporting them.

When Selectmen recently voted Mr. Lyons in as Chairman, Selectman Donohue expressed frustration that the chairmanship wasn't presented to the next in line relative to seniority, in which case she would have control of the gavel. Perhaps she now understands that bestowing leadership isn't simply about honoring tradition. It needs to be earned by demonstrating to others you have what it takes to continually move Norwood's business forward with confidence that you know what's best for its residents.

So, is Mr. Costello et al supposed to return and do another dog and pony show when Mr. Plasko is available? Quite frankly, not only should the Downtown Steering Committee be disappointed in Selectmen, they should be downright insulted. Why did they need to waste their time in the first place if no action was going to be taken? If Donohue and company didn't feel comfortable without Mr. Plasko present, why not simply tell the committee to come back another time when a full compliment of Selectmen were available? Now, Mr. Plasko will have to offer his opinions without the opportunity to question the consultants who prepared the recommendations, because they have been discharged and are no longer on the clock.

Whether or not Selectmen supported or failed to support the recommendations is irrelevant. What is relevant is that three of the four of them didn't have the guts to make the call. Norwood residents should be disappointed in their elected board. It really was a pitiful exercise.

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From the Friends of Norwood C.O.A.,

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May 6. It was an honor and a pleasure to have your company - you made our day. We hope you enjoyed the meal, our company and music. This will be a yearly event every May.

Thank you, again. Good luck, good health and God Bless.

Bill McCoy

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NORWOOD HIGH BRASS QUINTET PERFORMS

On Friday, May 13, from 11 a.m. - 12 noon, the Norwood High School Brass Quintet will be performing at the Grand Staircase of the State House by invitation of Rep. John Rogers. The Norwood High School Brass Quintet, directed by Mr. Kenneth Griffin, is a talented and award winning ensemble from Norwood High School composed of the following students: Michael Clarke-Trombone (Senior), Owen Kerrigan-Tuba (Junior), Patrick Maroun-Trumpet (Senior), Eric Muller-Trumpet (Sophomore), Kate Tatar-French Horn (Junior). The quintet will be performing a variety of classical pieces for the enjoyment of State House employees and visitors.

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NORWOOD IRISH MUSIC CLUB DANCE

The Norwood Irish Music Club invites you to join them on Saturday, May 14, from 8-11:30 p.m. with music by The Castletones and the Nomination of Officers for the following year will be conducted. Saturday, May 28, music will be by Andy Healy and will include the Installation of Officers for the following year. These dances will ring down the curtain on the Norwood Club schedule until they resume in September. Located at Workmen's Hall, 99 Wilson St. (off Rt. 1A), the cost is \$10 per person. All are welcome. Call 781-982-4092 for more information.

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Norwood Sportsmen's Assoc., 550 Nichols St., will hold a Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 14, Rain or shine. Registration fee \$2.00 - 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. includes hot dog, soda & ice cream. Fishing Derby: 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Prizes will be awarded to all derby winners. You must register to win. Ages: Up through 9 years - Beginner. 10 years to 15 years - Junior. All entrants under 10 years must be accompanied by an adult. All entrants must provide personal fishing equipment, worms only, no live bait or casting.

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Victoria Haven Nursing Facility is excited to host Donna Lane, presenting "Planting For Spring: Delicious Container Gardens" at the next Healthy Breakfast on Tuesday, May 17, at 10:00 a.m. Donna Lane of Lane Interiors and Gardens is also known as the columnist, The Addicted Gardener. Victoria Haven Nursing Facility is located at 137 Nichols Street. A complimentary continental breakfast will be served. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is voluntary: please call

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Left to Right: Teresa Dooley, Delaney Gover, Shannon Gover, Kevin Hoover and Charlie Gover all volunteered to help make the the Norwood Nugget's Pizza Wars a success.

PHOTO BY BRAD COLE

Bertucci's wins Pizza Wars

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Ten pizza companies entered, but Bertucci's stood tall at Pizza Wars last Saturday, in an event that helped raise over \$2,100 for Norwood Nuggets Youth Hockey.

Other competitors at the fundraiser were Abbondanza, Conrad's, Giorgio's, the Olde Colonial Café, Santucci's, Pizza Palace, Pizza Galore, Pizza Express and Papa Gino's. All put their cheese pizza to the test at Pizza Wars, and Bertucci's pizza won with 56 of the 359 votes, just six more than second place finisher Giorgio's. Rounding out the top three was Pizza Galore, with 47 votes.

"We had a terrific turnout," Chris Larson of the Norwood

Nuggets program said. "For a first-time event, we did really well."

For just \$5, residents could sample some of Norwood's best pizza and vote for the town's new Pizza Empire. All proceeds raised at the event went to support Norwood Nuggets Youth Hockey.

"Knowing the number of pizza shops in town, it seemed like a natural thing to do," Larson said.

This was the first such event, and only cheese pizzas were featured. Should the event continue, it's possible it will be expanded to allow for original pizza creations. For now, it focused on determining who has the best cheese pizza in town

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Last Hurrah tickets still available

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

The Last Hurrah: Say Goodbye to Old Norwood High is less than a month away, and residents still have a chance to purchase tickets to the event, which will celebrate the closing of the school on the hill.

The June 11 event will be split into two parts. The first, which runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., is a family-friendly, free-of-charge event, and includes tours of the building, a cookout, memorabilia from years past, a Veterans memorial, a photographer on site for group shots and more.

"It's really going to be a showcase of the current high school," said Norwood High School Alumni Association member Ernest Paciorkowski, adding, "It will be a nice day for people to come and reminisce."

The Evening Gala is a 21+, ticketed event and will include the above activities, as well as two DJs, hors d'oeuvres from Domenic and Anthony's Catering, a cash bar and two commemorative books. The first of this is a history of the high school book, the second is a friends and family booklet featuring remem-

brances and memories of the school. Ads in this book can be purchased and families can express gratitude and support for the school that helped shape their lives.

In addition, the Gala will include a video created by Jack Tolman. Said video will be played in the Norwood High School auditorium, and feature footage from 1927 through 2011.

"It's a grand reunion for people from all over," said Norwood High School Alumni Association President Jerry Miller.

The \$40 tickets can be purchased online at www.norwoodhighschoolalumniassociation.org or at the Civic Center. Of each \$40 ticket purchase, approximately \$30 goes toward paying the fixed costs associated with running the fundraiser, such as lighting and police detail. The remaining \$10 will go towards Norwood High School Alumni Association projects.

"Every penny we make will go back into the new high school," Paciorkowski said.

Miller noted that their first planned project is to build a concession stand near the field behind the new Norwood High School. Funds raised at the Last

Hurrah will help make this a reality.

Just 2,500 tickets are available, and 1,200 of these have been sold since ticket sales were announced in January. Tickets will not be available the night of the event, and must be purchased by Tuesday, June 7.

"We need to have an idea of how many people are coming," Paciorkowski said. "Don't wait until the last minute."

Tickets have been purchased from all over, with guests coming from as far away as Hawaii, Washington, Oregon, the U.S. Virgin Islands, North Carolina and even Walpole. Approximately 400 of the tickets have been sold to people living out-of-state, and plenty are available for interested Norwood residents.

In order to help ensure the event is a success, the Norwood High School Alumni Association is looking for volunteers to assist during the evening gala. People interested in volunteering can contact Patty Bailey at pbailey@norwoodlight.com.

In addition, they are looking for old Norwood High School memorabilia to showcase at their memorabilia table. They have numerous items already, such as old band uniforms, a letter sweater and class photos dating back to 1931, but are looking for more. People who wish to donate can call Tom Lambert at 781-551-0454 or Paciorkowski at 781-762-7657 or via email at eep1954@cs.com.

They are also looking for sponsors for the evening's activities, including the security, custodians, tents, DJ, wristbands, signs and photo booth, among

other things. Those who wish to sponsor an item can contact Miller at 781-762-0466.

Several companies have stepped forward already: Rojo's is sponsoring the trolleys that will bring people from the satellite parking lots to the Norwood High School, Ernie Boch Jr. is sponsoring the lighting, Norwood Bank is sponsoring the memorabilia table, Norwood Hospital is sponsoring the commemorative book, Dedham Institute for Savings is sponsoring the gift bags, Babel's is sponsoring the photographer and Lewis's Bar and Grill, the Old Colonial Café, Concannon's Village, Conrad's and the Colonial House are sponsoring the beverage stations.

The use of trolleys arose because the Alumni Association wants to be good neighbors. They understand that numerous people live near the school, so they have set up several satellite parking lots for both the day and evening events. Trolleys will transport visitors to the high school from these lots, which include St. Timothy's Church, the Savage Center and the Cleveland School. In addition, the trolleys will transport groups to and from the five sponsor restaurants.

"We're only going to close the school once, so we might as well do it right," Miller said. "We're going to say goodbye to the school on the hill in the proper manner."

High School nears completion

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Though the new Norwood High School has a substantial completion date of Sunday, May 15, members of the construction crew hope to have it finished before then.

"We're shooting for substantial completion by Friday [May 13]," said Executive Manager for Agostini Construction Kathleen Labouliere, who specified they hope to receive a temporary certificate of occupancy from Building Inspector Mark Chubet at that

point.

She confirmed that most of the interior work on the building is complete, and many areas of the building are on the punch list stage. It's possible that the punch list work will continue after the substantial complete date, but the building will still be eligible for the temporary certificate of occupancy. While some work still needs to be done, other areas are complete.

"Buildings A and B [the classroom wing of the new

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and supporting the Norwood Nuggets program. In addition to sampling pizzas, there was a bake sale. Approximately \$500 was raised through the bake sale, which included cookies, cupcakes and brownies made by Norwood Nuggets supporters.

In order to participate in Pizza Wars, companies had to donate 20 large cheese pizzas to the event. These were cut into small sample slices and distributed at Pizza Wars. Those in attendance could pick up a slice from each company,

then vote on their favorite.

"All the shops that participated were so accommodating," Larson said. "They went above and beyond to make this a real successful event."

Also making the event a successful were the numerous volunteers, young and old, who stepped forward to sell baked goods and distribute pizza. One such volunteer was Ryan Kelly, 14, a veteran of the Nuggets program.

"I was part of the Norwood hockey program," Kelly said, adding that he was happy to

help support the Nuggets at Pizza Wars. "It's a good program to start playing hockey."

The money raised will help offset the costs of running the program. Larson noted the average cost to participate in the Nuggets is \$1,000 per person, and the money raised at Pizza Wars will help offset costs like ice rental fees and league participation costs.

"It's an expensive sport, and we'll do anything we can do to help keep the tuition fees level," Larson said.

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new businesses to the center of town.

"I think that would be a very small investment in moving forward," he said.

However, the board opted not to take any action on the Downtown Master Plan, instead opting to wait until Selectman Bill Plasko was present, so they could hear input from all five board members.

In other business, The

Board also met with Jeff Groper and David Bergman of the Wine Vault for a show cause hearing for failure to provide the services outlined by their liquor license, as the store has been closed. They previously appeared before the Board on March 29, at which point they were given an extra month to reopen the store..

Groper reported that the Wine Vault reopened for business on May 10. As such, the

board took no action regarding the license, but warned the owners that they need to keep the store open, or else risk losing the licenses.

"I think the Board has gone above and beyond to accommodate you, and now we expect you to accommodate the town," Bishop said, meaning the board expects the Wine Vault will remain open during the hours outlined on their license.

Timmy continues his battle

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Timmy Wright is a six-year-old Norwood resident battling two chronic illnesses: agammaglobulinemia and Crohn's Disease.

Agammaglobulinemia causes the body to produce little, if any, immunoglobulins in the bloodstream. Immunoglobulins play a key role in the immune system, protecting the body against illness and infection. Crohn's Disease is an inflammatory bowel disease that causes inflammation of the digestive tract.

"He's still battling his Crohn's Disease, and was actually hospitalized for 59 days," said Timmy's mother, Kouri Wright.

Timmy is working to help raise funds for medical research by being featured in the book *Timmy the Goat: Spelunking Adventure*, book one in the *Adventures of Henry* series. Sales support a good cause: all profits from the books sales will benefit medical research through the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA). The CCFA is a non-profit, volunteer-driven organization dedicated to finding the cure for Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

"All the proceeds from the book are going to the CCFA in Timmy's honor," Wright said.

This series is based on bedtime stories by Henry Morgan

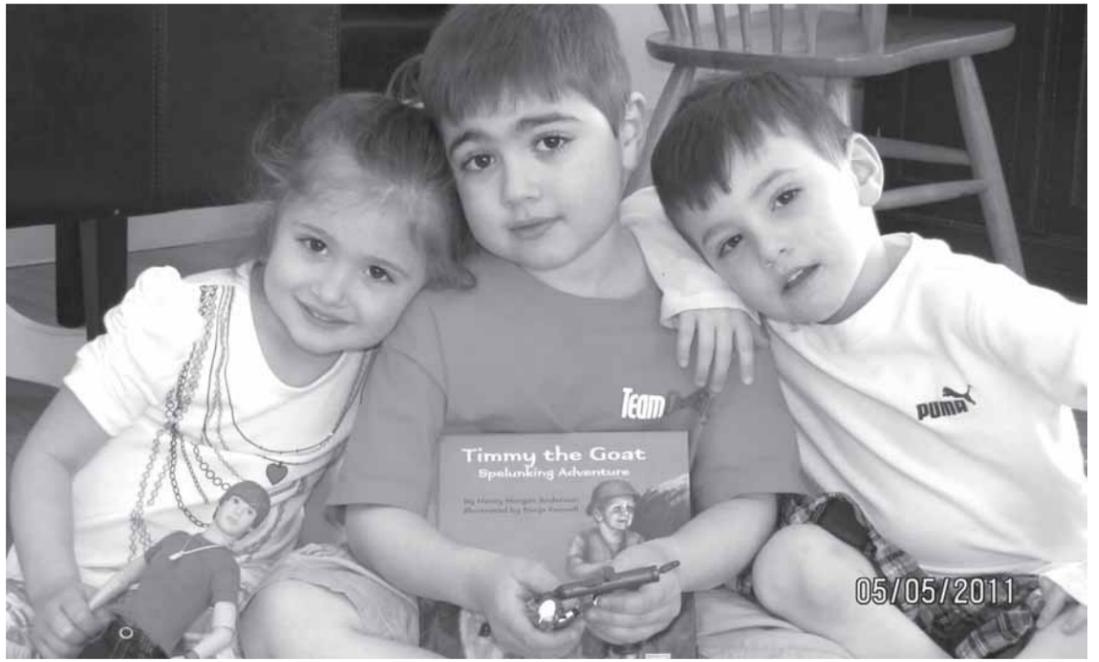
Anderson, who passed away in 2009 at age three due to an undiagnosed case of agammaglobulinemia. Henry is credited as the author of the series, which came about thanks to the efforts of his father, Darrin Anderson. Anderson lives in Wisconsin, and met Kouri through a parents' chat group. Despite living over 1,000 miles away, the two connected through their children, and are working to help raise awareness on these diseases.

"Timmy's story seems to be similar to his son Henry's, so that's why I think he ended up being in the first of the series," Wright said.

In this tale, Henry and Timmy go on an adventure into the mountains and discover a cave filled with prehistoric drawings and fossils. The book also features biographies of Timmy and Henry, a segment on kids and caves written by National Geographic journalist Andrew Howley and illustrations by Sonja Funnell.

"Henry had the best imagination, and would come up with stories," Wright said, and each night, he would tell his father a bedtime story. *Timmy the Goat* was one of these stories, and it was based on a goat named Billy that lived in a nearby zoo.

"I renamed Henry's goat from Billy to Timmy to honor a boy who not only has gone through so many difficult things in life, but through a very strange twist of fate, saved my



Timmy Wright (center), joined by his siblings Jacqueline and Joseph, shows off the book *Timmy the Goat*. COURTESY PHOTO

son Jack's life," Darrin said.

Jack also has agammaglobulinemia. This was discovered after an examination of his medical records: Darrin found he had brought Jack into the hospital 32 times for various issues, such as infections and pneumonia. This prompted Darrin to research rare genetic diseases, including Crohn's Disease.

"Somewhere in my searches

I stumbled into a Timmy, who had Crohn's-like symptoms which were similar to what Henry had," Darrin said, and he took these medical records, research and information on Timmy to Children's Hospital in Milwaukee, where they confirmed Jack's illness.

"Ironically, while I was looking for Crohn's Disease, I stumbled into the real disease, which is also something Timmy

has, which likely caused his Crohn's Disease," Darrin said. "So Henry's autopsy, Kouri's postings online and the ccfa.org website saved Jack's life."

More information on *Timmy the Goat* and other books in the *Adventures of Henry* series are available at www.adventuresofhenry.com, where it can be purchased for \$14.99.

School completion

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school], floors one to three, are done," Labouliere said. "Final waxing of the corridors on the second and third floor were done today [May 6]."

In addition, many of the electrical, mechanical and plumbing testing and inspections are coming to an end.

"The final sign-offs by the inspectors have either happened or are in the process of happening," said Owner's Project Manager Tim Bonfatti of Compass Project Management.

All this leads up to the building's substantial completion date.

"Substantial completion generally means we can use a space for its intended purposes," Labouliere said.

Once the Norwood High School is substantially complete, they will begin delivering furniture, fixtures and equipment to the new school. The first round of furniture deliveries begin on Monday, May

16.

There was also discussion of the proposed concession stand that will be located at the site. The concession stand is not part of the project, nor will it be funded by the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Rather, it is a proposal by the Norwood High School Alumni Association, which is raising funds for its installation. A location at the site has been set aside for the concession stand.

"As far as I understand, the Last Hurrah group is paying for it," School Committee and Permanent Building Construction Committee (PBCC) member Dick Kief said. "Part of the fundraising for the Last Hurrah is going to be used for that."

Kief noted that the PBCC will be meeting with the Norwood High School Alumni Association to discuss the concession stand in further detail.

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Dancing fundraiser raises the most money ever!

Brad Cole
Staff Reporter

Dancing With the Norwood Stars returned for its third year, raising over \$60,000 for the Circle of Hope Foundation last Friday. Architect Jack Perry won the event, and Murph's Place owner Carolyn Murphy claimed the Judge's Choice Award.

"This was definitely our biggest fundraiser ever," said Circle of Hope Treasurer David Tuttle. "Dancing With The Stars just gets bigger and bigger."

Tuttle continued, "It looks like we topped \$60,000. This was hugely on the part of the dancers themselves, doing what they did to raise money throughout the process to bring in the crowds and the votes."

This \$60,000 is almost three times as much as the amount raised at Dancing With the Norwood Stars 2010, which brought in \$23,000.

Other Norwood Stars included Director of Public Works Mark Ryan, business owner Lennie Sansone, former Town Square Diner owner Paulette Alty and former Selectman Susan McQuaid.

"I was more than happy to do it," Sansone said. "It was a lot of fun. The best seat in the

house is on the dance floor."

Missy Sansone won the first Dancing with the Norwood Stars, and this prompted comment by judge Jack McCarthy, who said, "There is going to be a lot of discussion over the next week over at the Sansone house over who did the better job."

The evening's winner, Perry, was joined by Rachel Palmieri as he danced to "Surfing USA" by the Beach Boys. By the end of his routine, dozens of beach balls had been tossed onto the dance floor by his supporters.

Perry said he was nervous when asked to participate, but knew he should step up and help the Circle of Hope.

"It's really an incredible charity," he said. "It's Norwood people helping Norwood people."

His performance proved to be enough to win the hearts of the fans.

Returning to host the event were Circle of Hope President Tim McDonough and Norwood High School Principal George Usevich. Judges included McCarthy, Lauri Ryding, Tracey Robbins and Earl Batol. Batol proved to be the toughest judge to impress, often earning boos from the crowd whenever he criticized a dancer, while Ryding

proved to be a crowd-favorite, giving a score of 10 to each dancer.

The judges were most impressed by Murphy, who danced a Cha Cha with Martin Rycroft to "Time of Your Life." Her score of 39.375 set a Dancing With the Norwood Stars record, breaking Selectman Bill

Plasko's record score of 39 out of 40. Her score, just 0.875 points more than runner-up Ryan, was enough to earn her the Judge's Choice award.

Several groups were presented with certificates from the Circle of Hope, thanking them for their continued support. They honored Norwood Bank,

Norwood Public Access Television, Peter Catanese, Fred Astaire Dance Studios and Tommy Concannon, owner of Concannon's Village.

"He's got a big heart," McDonough said. "Tom has been one of the biggest supporters of the Circle of Hope since our inception."

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"This will be a black day in the school's history," Joseph said.

School Committee member Paul Samargedlis did not agree with this assessment, saying, "I don't want the representation of this board be that we are categorizing this as a black day for the Norwood school system. I do think we can get up and down and get through these cuts and still be a very formidable school system with some exciting things happening. After this is said and done, we will still have a very strong school system with a lot of opportunity."

The committee initially planned on using the \$110,464 left in their reallocation reserve account to restore some of these cut positions. Unfortunately, they would not be able to do this due to the estimate used during the budget balancing process. They estimated \$50,000 per FTE position when, in reality, several of the cut positions were less than that.

"In hindsight, I should have projected \$45,000 or \$40,000 [per FTE]," Hayden said.

Because of this, the remainder of the reallocation reserve account, plus an additional \$63,000 cut from the Special Education account was used to balance the budget. This \$63,000 comes from SPED tuition accounts. The budget had enough money for two additional out-of-district placements, and this cut brings that down to one additional out-of-district placement.

Samargedlis described this account as a contingency/buffer built into the budget, as they cannot actually project out-of-district SPED tuition costs. It is an unanticipated cost, much like the town's snow and ice account. You can budget a contingency, but you cannot predict how much you will actually need.

School Committee member Bill Plasko Jr. expressed frustration over this year's budget balancing process.

"I am very frustrated by the administration and the procedures that we followed," Plasko said, adding, "The School Committee took many, many, many votes, and

for the numbers to change internally was frustrating. It wasn't state numbers changing, it wasn't votes by Town Meeting that changed, it was our internal numbers... I don't think this was a very good budget process."

Others spoke out in favor of the process. Joseph noted they were open and transparent about the budget throughout the entire process. Members of the public were given many opportunities to provide input, including at a special meeting held on Saturday, May 7.

Hayden added, "I think we built a very good budget. We tried to look at things in a number of different ways."

There is still a chance for these positions to be restored. Joseph noted they continue to negotiate with the union, seeing if they will accept a pay freeze for FY 2012. Should the union vote in favor of the pay freeze, it will save approximately \$700,000, allowing the School Department to restore several of the cut jobs.

These budget discussions continued with parents at the Olde Colonial Café on May 7. Approximately 12 parents were in attendance, and members of the School Committee and the Superintendent outlined the budget balancing process for them, explaining how they reached their targets and the layoffs required to do so.

"We handed out pink slips [on May 6]," Joseph said. "It's a tough thing to do. No one wants to hand out pink slips."

He wasn't the only person who spoke out against the cuts. Jody Smith, President of the Teachers Association, described them as horrible.

"Every single classroom teacher yesterday [May 6], whether they got a slip or not, was sick to their stomach, because their colleagues were going out the door," Smith said.

"The issue here is there is a structural deficit in the town, and it has been there for a number of years," Smith said, and this needs to be addressed.

She noted the town needed to look at ways to reduce this deficit, such as instituting a trash fee. She noted that School Committee members spoke in favor of such a fee at Budget Balancing Committee, but no such fee was instituted

and it is out of their jurisdiction. She gave members credit for performing due diligence, saying, "These cuts were not taken lightly. The problem is, their hands were tied."

Walter Steele questioned the proposed cuts at the elementary school level. With class sizes of up to 27 students, he expressed concern over such a high teacher/student ratio at such a young age. Students, especially those in third grade who are just starting to take the MCAS, will struggle, and will not receive as much individual attention.

"They're not going to be able to focus at that age," Steele said, and asked Hayden look at restoring one of the elementary school positions to help reduce class sizes there.

Hayden did assemble a list of restoration priorities. While he agrees the elementary school is important, the focus of his restoration efforts, should the funds be available, are at the Coakley Middle School. His top priority is to restore a 0.4 FTE Foreign Language teacher there, at a cost of \$26,114. This would allow them to lower the class sizes in that subject from the projected 31. Other priorities at the middle school include restoring the cut English-Language Learner teacher, restoring a SPED Inclusion teacher, restoring the Middle School Librarian and hiring a 0.4 FTE art teacher.

His top priority at the high school is to restore a science teacher, which will allow them to restore cut AP offerings and take advantage of all 10 science labs at the new Norwood High School. Currently, they are going to use nine of these ten labs, meaning one will go unused.

His next three priorities include a custodian, a guidance counselor at the middle school and the cut elementary school librarian.

Ultimately, the hope is to create the best possible school district with what funds they have, and they have \$34,345,233.

"Our goal, at the end of the day, is the kids, and to walk out of here saying we did the best for the kids of Norwood," Joseph said.

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Sports



The Norwood High boys' track team beat Dedham last week by seven points. The team has shown rapid improvement as the season has progressed.

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Boys' track cruises past Dedham

Daniel Kobialka

Staff Reporter

The Mustangs boys' track team battled injuries and the elements as it earned a 7-point win over Dedham on Thursday. Norwood earned 71.5 points in the meet, and continues to improve as it approaches the finish line of its 2011 campaign.

Norwood has faced an up-and-down season. The Mustangs have won two consecutive meets after losing their first four.

"It was a good performance overall," Norwood head coach Russell Booth said. "Anytime you get the win, you can't complain."

Dedham made things difficult for the Mustangs. The winless Marauders competed like a team with nothing to lose.

"Dedham is a good team, but it's not very deep," Booth said. "Dedham pushed our team, but our kids competed well."

Norwood showcased its talent throughout the afternoon, despite off and on rain. The New England weather has challenged the Mustangs throughout the season, but they have shown the

capability to compete in any conditions.

Mustang Dan DiTomasso finished first in the shot put and second in the discus. The sophomore has been a key contributor to the team all season.

"He continues to get better and better," Booth said of DiTomasso's performance this season.

Owen Gearty earned wins in the high jump and triple jump. Gearty has been a staple in the Mustangs lineup, and continues to perform at a high level while recovering from an ankle injury.

William Rydzewski stepped up with a selfless performance. Rydzewski ran a 12:15 in the two-mile, earning the win in the event.

Rydzewski followed up the victory by volunteering to compete in the 4 X 400 meter relay moments later. Rydzewski, Gearty, Matt Thibeau and Josh Dykes finished first in the relay with a time of 3:50.

"[William Rydzewski] gutted it out," Booth said of Rydzewski's performance. "Only strong runners are able to compete in back-to-back events

like that."

Dykes earned a hard-fought win in the 800-meter relay, defeating Dedham's Richie Farah by one second in a photo finish.

The Mustangs showed poise and composure as they threw the javelin. Norwood's Doug Jansen finished first in the event, while Mike Kearns and Connor Mahon earned second and third respectively.

Bill Pena and Richie Farah paced Norwood in the short distance events. Pena placed third in the 100-meter and 200-meter events, while Farah finished second in the 400 meters.

The Mustangs will look to conclude their dual-meet season with a win against Wellesley.

The Raiders have battled inconsistency this season. Wellesley has lost three consecutive meets after starting the season 3-0, but Booth recognizes it will pose a significant challenge.

"Wellesley's a really good opponent," Booth said. "I'd like to see our better guys get healthy and I'd like us to be competitive against them."

Mustangs softball tames Wildcats 9-2

Daniel Kobialka

Staff Reporter

The Norwood softball team moved one step closer to completing a perfect regular season as it defeated Weymouth 9-2 on Monday. The Mustangs boast an 11-0 record with seven games remaining.

"It was a good game," Norwood head coach Carol Savino said. "The bats came alive."

The Wildcats kept the Mustangs bats at bay through two innings, but Norwood displayed its offensive prowess in the third. Jessica Gorman started the inning with a lead-off triple to center field. Gorman beat out a close play at the plate to score on a Megan O'Connor groundball to give the Mustangs a 1-0 lead.

Makenna Lane and Lauren Duggan, Norwood's number three and four hitters, provided a power boost to the Mustangs offense. Lane and Duggan homered on back-to-back pitches to give Norwood a 4-0 advantage after three.

"What I liked about today is that we really hit the ball," Savino said. "Still, we work on our hitting, but I know it's going to be there for us. A lot of it

is to keep working on it."

The Mustangs offensive attack continued in the fourth inning. Jill Shephard scored Norwood's fifth run on an Ali Maloof infield single.

But Norwood was far from done. Second baseman Sarah Eckhardt drilled a double to right field to drive in O'Connor and Maloof, giving the Mustangs a 7-0 lead.

Norwood capped off its scoring in the seventh inning. Eckhardt and Lane scored on Melissa Chisholm's single to right field to give Norwood a 9-0 lead.

The Mustangs held the Wildcats scoreless through six innings behind a strong performance from Maloof. The senior co-captain pitched a complete game, allowing five hits while striking out 10.

Maloof allowed two runs in the seventh inning, but settled down to finish the contest.

"Ali [Maloof] pitched a nice game," Savino said, "but she wasn't herself in the last inning. She didn't have the same pop that she had in the beginning."

The Mustangs have clinched a postseason berth, but

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The Norwood softball team is inching closer towards a perfect season after a win against Weymouth last week.

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Girls' track falls just short

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

Norwood has earned everything except a victory this season.

Dedham defeated Norwood 79-57 on Thursday, dropping the Mustangs to 0-6 in 2011. The Mustangs will look to crack the win column against Wellesley on Thursday, their final dual-meet of the season.

The Mustangs girls' track team has made strides this season, but has yet to earn a victory for its efforts.

Norwood finished first in nine of 11 events against the Marauders, but failed to earn enough points to earn the overall victory.

"It's disappointing to lose," Norwood head coach Matt Curran said, "but I thought we fared well in the meet."

The Mustangs displayed speed in several areas, showing they can persevere regardless of the distance.

Rebecca Dyckes helped the Mustangs get started off on the right foot. Dyckes finished first in the two-miles with a time of 13:58.

"She ran really well," Curran said of Dyckes' effort. "She took the race and didn't look back."

Alana Keady followed up Dyckes' performance with a strong one of her own in the one-mile. Keady earned the one-mile win with a time of 6:22.

Norwood's long-distance runners have shown tremendous improvement as the season has progressed. But Curran acknowledges Norwood's short-distance runners have made progress as well.

"Our sprinters have been the most consistent group all year," Curran said. "Thursday's performance was their best of the season. Cory [Ryan] refused to back down, and Danielle Ringler has been coming on strong."

Ryan and Ringler led the sprinters' efforts against Dedham. Ryan finished first in the 100 meters and 400 meters while Ringler earned the top spot in the 200 meters.

Ryan and Ringler showed their versatility against Dedham, proving they can do more than just run. Both



The girls' track team has struggled this season, failing to record a victory, but the team continues to put up a fight, losing narrowly last week against Dedham.

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jumped to new heights as each competed in the high jump.

Both athletes placed in the high jump. Ryan finished first in the event, while Ringler earned third.

Lauren Higgins showed her speed and stamina with a strong performance in the 800 meters. Higgins earned first place with a time of 2:37.

Norwood's athletes eye a

victorious finish to their season against Wellesley.

Norwood will look to the positives as it prepares to face its final dual-meet opponent, one of the top teams in the Bay State Conference. The Raiders are 5-1 overall, and remain undefeated against Herget Division competition.

But Curran admits winning isn't everything at this point in

the season. Curran wants his athletes to be ready for the Coaches Invitational at Durfee on Saturday.

"It's really a tune up meet for us," Curran said of the Wellesley meet. "We're looking to get our kids healthy. We want to start getting them to peak at the right time."

Boys' lacrosse plagued by inconsistency

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter

A solid four-quarter effort could go a long way for the Norwood boys' lacrosse team's playoff chances.

The Mustangs have reached the postseason in three consecutive seasons, but inconsistent play puts their playoff hopes in jeopardy. Norwood sits at 5-7 overall with six contests remaining and will need a strong finish to reach the playoffs in head coach Anthony Roman's inaugural season.

Norwood defeated Braintree 12-4 on May 3 to earn its third consecutive win. The Mustangs improved their Herget Division standing and pulled within one game of .500 with the victory.

Norwood controlled the ball, showcasing its offensive and defensive talent. The Mus-

tangs displayed positives in the victory, but failed to start the game well.

"We were slow to start," Roman said. "We were sluggish, and were playing down to the level of our competition."

But not every Mustang played down to the level of their competition.

Brian Rossman and Kyle Postler provided a combined four goals and eight assists against Braintree. The duo will be relied upon heavily as the Mustangs look to improve their postseason chances.

Braintree entered the contest with an 0-10 record, but the Wamps played the Mustangs tough early. Roman acknowledges Norwood needs to start games well to get into a rhythm.

"We haven't been able to put together an effort over the course of an entire game," Roman said. "That's been our issue. We need to keep bringing energy."

Norwood displayed energy against Natick on Friday, but could not maintain its edge for four quarters as the Red and Blue defeated the Mustangs 9-5.

"We couldn't get anything

going offensively against Natick," Roman said. "We couldn't finish our chances."

Norwood controlled the pace of the game for three quarters, but Natick thrived in the fourth quarter.

The Mustangs have struggled with consistency, but have shown improvement throughout the season. Norwood has outscored its last four opponents 44-21.

"We're getting better every day," Roman said. "There are definitely a lot of positives."

Norwood faces two tough opponents in Weymouth and Wellesley this week. The Bay State Conference rivals boast a combined 16-7 record, and would relish the chance to crush the Mustangs' playoff hopes.

The Mustangs will battle the Wildcats on Tuesday in a contest featuring teams with identical records. Roman recognizes Weymouth is fighting for its postseason life as well.

"It'll be a tough game," Roman said of the Weymouth contest. "It's a matchup of two evenly matched teams. Whichever team brings the most effort and executes will win."



The boys' lacrosse team has shown flashes of brilliance but has yet to dominate a game from start to finish.

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the team eyes the top seed in the tournament. Norwood will look to improve its playoff positioning as it prepares to face Milton on Wednesday.

Milton has lost nine of its 12 games this season, but the Mustangs will not take their Bay State Conference rival lightly. Savino stresses the importance of playing hard in every game to her players.

“Every game is tough, and that’s what I try to teach the kids,” Savino said. “If the kids are ready for everybody, then they’re going to play exceptionally well.”

The Mustangs have won 25 consecutive Bay State Conference games. Savino recognizes the Mustangs are a talented group.

“The kids are doing awesome,” Savino said. “They work hard. They’re great kids.”

Calendar

May 12

Boys Tennis at Canton, 3:30 p.m.
Girls Lacrosse at Medway, 4:00 p.m.

May 13

Baseball vs. Framingham, 3:45 p.m.
Softball at Framingham, 3:45 p.m.
Boys Tennis vs. Wellesley, 3:45 p.m.
Girls Tennis at Wellesley, 3:45 p.m.
Boys Lacrosse vs. Wellesley, 4:00 p.m.
Girls Lacrosse at Wellesley, 4:00 p.m.
Boys Volleyball vs. Needham, 4:00 p.m.

May 14

Track Invitational at Durfee, TBA

May 16

Baseball at Dedham, 3:45 p.m.
Softball vs. Dedham, 3:45 p.m.
Girls Lacrosse at Natick, 4:00 p.m.

May 17

Boys Tennis vs. Framingham, 3:45 p.m.
Girls Tennis at Framingham, 3:45 p.m.
Boys Lacrosse at Framingham, 4:00 p.m.
Girls Lacrosse vs. Framingham, 4:00 p.m.

May 18

Boys Tennis at Foxborough, 3:30 p.m.
Track at Weymouth, 3:30 p.m.
Baseball vs. Needham, 3:45 p.m.
Softball at Needham, 3:45 p.m.

Scores

May 5

Baseball
Norwood 10, Natick 6

Softball
Norwood 3, Natick 2

Boys Tennis
Norwood 4, Milton 1

Girls Tennis
Milton 3, Norwood 0

Boys Track
Norwood 71.5, Dedham 64.5

Girls Track
Dedham 79, Norwood 57

May 6

Baseball
Walpole 8, Norwood 3

Softball
Norwood 2, Walpole 0

Boys Lacrosse

Natick 9, Norwood 5

Boys Tennis
Natick 5, Norwood 0

Girls Tennis
Natick 5, Norwood 0

Girls Lacrosse
Norwood 11, Natick 8

Boys Volleyball
Norwood 3, Wellesley 0

May 9

Baseball
Norwood 3, Weymouth 2

Softball
Norwood 9, Weymouth 2

Boys Volleyball
Braintree 3, Norwood 2

Athlete of the Week

Jill Cavanaugh throws through pain

Daniel Kobialka
Staff Reporter



Jill Cavanaugh

A hyperextended shoulder is the least of Jill Cavanaugh’s worries.

Cavanaugh has undergone physical therapy for a year, but the Norwood senior battles the pain as she strives to improve her javelin performance. The javelin thrower remains a foot shy of qualifying for the MIAA All-State Championship, but ignores the pain as she tries to accomplish her goal.

Cavanaugh joined the outdoor track team during her freshman year. She started her career as a runner, but soon realized her talents spread beyond the track.

“Running wasn’t my thing,” Cavanaugh said, “so I gave the javelin a try and it was something I was good at. I really enjoy [throwing the javelin].”

The javelin thrower has shown gradual improvement as her career has progressed. Cavanaugh has increased her throw at least 30 feet since she’s started, throwing a personal best of 92-1 at last year’s South Shore Principal’s Meet.

In addition, Cavanaugh has become a veteran leader on the Norwood squad.

This year’s Mustangs are a young, inexperienced group that continues to grow.

Cavanaugh has stepped up in a leadership role to make her teammates feel comfortable and to help them learn how to throw the javelin.

The squad has been outscored 524-271 in six meets this season, but Cavanaugh has helped the javelin throwers become a cohesive unit.

“We try to make it a team sport,” Cavanaugh said.

Cavanaugh has led by example as well. The senior placed second in the javelin in each of her last two meets.

The javelin thrower displays strength in the way she handles herself. Cavanaugh shows no signs of pain despite the shoulder issue as she tries to improve her performance to qualify for next month’s MIAA All-State Championship.

“It has improved,” Cavanaugh said of her hyperextended shoulder. “But I haven’t gotten that extra foot I need for [the state meet].”

Cavanaugh has proven she

has what it takes to compete with the top javelin throwers in the Bay State Conference. She earned fifth place in the Bay State League Championship in 2009, and finished seventh last year.

But Cavanaugh eyes team success above her own. Anything less than a sweep, earning first, second and third place, in the javelin is a disappointment.

Cavanaugh recognizes the team has struggled at times this season, but continues to make progress.

“A lot of the girls have improved, which makes me really happy,” Cavanaugh said. “When I leave, I want them to still be able to sweep.”

The senior would like to finish her high school career with a team victory.

“I hope we can get a win,” Cavanaugh said. “We try really hard, and I really think we deserve it as a team.”



The baseball team earned a 3-2 victory over Weymouth on Monday thanks to some timely hitting. It was a nice bounce back victory for the team after falling to Walpole in the previous game.

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Police Logs

Tuesday, May 3

0154 initiated - Susp person *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Dean St. N663 speaking with female party sitting in parking lot. N677 responded. As a result 1 female under arrest for class b. N677 transported same. St. Mil: 40653.9 @ 2:08 / end. Mil: 40655.2 @ 2:11. Arrest: Vowteras, Judith Address: 541 Cassino Dr., Farmingdale, NJ Dob: 07/27/1971 Charges: drug, possess class b

0645 walk-in - Lost and found services rendered. Location/address: Weld Ave. Resident found wallet on Weld Ave. and turned it into station. N663 sent to home on Hartford St. to try locate owner. No one answered as he may have left for work. Message left on phone. Property intake form made out.

0827 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Boch Honda - Bos.-Prov. Hwy. Theft of wheels/rims from vehicles. Parked in the lot.

1056 phone - Assist other agency services rendered. Location/address: Cramer Productions - University Ave. Cambridge Detectives attempting warrant arrest. Person no longer works there.

1130 phone - Unwanted party services rendered. Location/address: Dean St.

1143 phone - Animal complaint, gone on arrival. Location/address: Access Rd.

1217 911 - Assist citizen spoken to. Location/address: Hilltop Gardens (Oxbow Realty Services, Inc.) - Rock St. Neighbor looking for his car. May be at the Walpole Mall. Subject was in Walpole last night and transported to hospital for evaluation. Car is at Chris's, he has been advised.

1245 phone - Well being chk area search negative. Location/address: Nahatan St. Caller reports a moped that was driving in front of her was being ridden by young person. He was wearing blk tee shirt with Portugal on the back, no helmet.

1413 phone - Vandalism *report filed. Location/address: Nahatan St. Wires cut from a security system.

1414 phone - Well being chk services

rendered. Location/address: Eaton Village Condos (310 & 315 Neponset St) - Neponset St. Subject made comments to a worker this am about her death in the paper. Upset over a delay in payments due her for unemployment. Condo is dark and parking space assigned to the unit vacant.

1452 phone - Assist citizen services rendered. Location/address: Pond Ave. Extra checks requested as someone has been leaving items, TV and furniture in the street near the left field parking for the Balch. It may be coming from residents on St. George a few doors up. Extra checks requested. DPW has been removing the items

1531 phone - Shoplifting *report filed. Location/address: Norwood Hospital Office Suites - Washington St. Items from the gift shop removed today.

1606 phone - Alarm-burglar spoken to. Location/address: Prospect St. Report car alarm sounding, spaces that face Irving Street. N664 spoke to car's owner, technical difficulties with system, she will have it checked.

1638 phone - Animal complaint area search negative. Location/address: Coakley Middle School - Washington St. Blk male walking a pit bull, could not control the dog, walking behind tennis courts. Caller kept distance and man did not have dog on leash. N.A.C.O. notified.

2003 phone - Complaint of m/v area search negative. Location/address: Prospect St. Caller reported blue Toyota tailgating and swerving. Officer checked area, nothing found.

2142 initiated - Drunk person *protective custody. Location/address: Pleasant St. + Redwood Dr. Officers out with intoxicated party. Transport to Pleasant. Released to the custody of resident.

2154 initiated - Kids gathering group moved. Location/address: Murphy Memorial Park - Pleasant St. + Lenox Ave. N664 checks a group of kids. N664 moved them along.

2311 911 - Dispute *report filed. Location/address: Washington St. 1 roommate reports the friend of another roommate is kicking his bedroom door due to an argument

earlier over bills. N665 spoke to all parties, verbal only, matter resolved.

2351 phone - Disturbance *report filed. Location/address: Buckminster Dr. Caller reported loud argument. Officer reported verbal argument only.

Wednesday, May 4

0002 911 - Loud party spoken to. Location/address: Tremont St. Caller reports loud party on 1st floor keeping him up. N666, N677 responded and spoke with residents on 1st floor. Taking it inside and will quiet down.

0725 phone - Assist citizen assisted party. Location/address: Hoyle St. Guardian picking up child for school forgot child's glasses and mother's roommate will not let her back in. N662, N661 responded. Matter resolved and child has her glasses.

0824 phone - Assist citizen *report filed. Location/address: Windsor Shell - Walpole St. Mother from Dedham reports her daughter took car without permission and is now at Windsor Shell. As a result MA reg 27gy38 stolen. Sp S. Boston located vehicle abandoned on Turtle Pond Pkwy. Leaps not entered due to imc being down. (unable to assign numbers), and located prior to entry. Summons: Johnson, Stacie L. Address: 94 Thomas St Apt. #1 Dedham Dob: 07/25/1979 Charges: use mv without authority

0849 phone - Fraud *report filed. Location/address: Fulton St. Fraud by Comcast.

0913 phone - Missing person *report filed. Location/address: Bellingham James and Deborah - Bond St. Two 3 yo's missing from house, twin boys, white, red & blue Long sleeve shirts, black pants. Mother thinks they may have climbed the fence and are roaming the street. Bolto to Cars, kids located on porch.

1144 phone - Well being chk transported to hospital. Location/address: Day St. Subject transported to Norwood Hospital for voluntary evaluation.

1326 other - Assist citizen *report filed. Location/address: St. Catherine's School - Nahatan St. Safety Officer P. Murphy to inves-

tigate an issue at school due to a complaint from a parent.

1735 phone - Medical emergency *protective custody. Location/address: Lewis Restaurant & Grille - Central St. Norwood Fire responding to a female party who feels weak. Officer reported party placed into protective custody, Released to hospital's custody. P/c: Pedersen, Cecilia Terese Address: 99 Day St. Dob: 05/12/1944 Charges: protective custody

1858 phone - Breaking and entering *report filed. Location/address: Norwest Dr. Report apartment broken into since 0745 hrs.

2147 initiated - Susp vehicle spoken to. Location/address: Mill Pond Ln. + Coach Ln. Officers reported suspicious vehicle pc. Occupants moved along.

Thursday, May 5

0026 911 - Medical emergency transported to hospital. Location/address: Lancaster Ln. Daughter looking transport for father to Norwood Hospital.

0320 initiated - Repossession services rendered. Location/address: Bahama Dr. Vehicle: blk 2005 Dodg 4d Stratus reg: MA 187am5 Plate revoked for insurance. N667 confiscated.

0552 phone - Hit and run *report filed. Location/address: Spruce Rd. Caller reports vehicle was hit during the overnight hours and is not sure how it occurred. Officer will file report.

0950 phone - Missing person *report filed. Location/address: Coakley Middle School - Washington St. Caller reports student was involved in fight with another and has taken off from school, 11/12 yo, blond spikey hair, grey tee shirt, blue pants. 05/05/2011 1056 youngster spotted on Highview in area of Upton. 05/05/2011 1059 youth in custody.

1020 phone - Illegal trash disposal *report filed. Location/address: Vanderbilt Ave.

1119 phone - Susp person services rendered. Location/address: Mobil Gas - Wash/RR Av - Washington St. Sp male hanging out for an hour asking customers for money for his car that ran out of gas. B/male on bike, checkered shirt. Located and id'd.

1137 phone - Susp activity *report filed. Location/address: Railroad Ave. Calls received on more than one occasion.

1310 phone - Vandalism *report filed. Location/address: Arnold Rd.

1553 phone - Drunk person area search negative. Location/address: Washington St. + Weld Ave. Possible dk on foot near the Balch. W/m male and bald. Off. Kehoe reports goa

1555 phone - Mischief (kids) area search negative. Location/address: Lenox St. Kids on the roof behind Hyde Park Savings.

1625 phone - Disturbance *report filed. Location/address: St. Catherine's of Siena Church - Washington St. Caller reports male party causing a disturbance inside of the church. N664 N667 N677 sent. NFD notified. One transported for evaluation.

1702 phone - Drunk person *arrest(s)made. Location/address: St. Paul Ave. Caller reports a dk male broke a window on Washington St. and ran towards St. Paul Ave. Male located inside of 33 St. Paul Ave. One male placed under arrest. P/c: Phaneuf, Scott Wayne Address: 170 Prospect St. Dob: 10/06/1975 Charges: disorderly conduct Resist arrest** Protective custody

1755 phone - Confused person *report filed. Location/address: Tremont St. Caller reported confused elderly party. Officers located party, requested ambulance. Norwood Fire transport to the hospital.

1801 phone - Kids gathering gone on arrival. Location/address: Vantage Graphics - Lenox St. Caller reported skate boarders on loading ramp. Officer checked area, nothing found.

1803 phone - Complaint of m/v gone on arrival. Location/address: Walpole St. Walpole Police reported red Nissan Pathfinder operating erratically. Officer checked area. Officer checked area, nothing found.

1919 phone - Disturbance *report filed. Location/address: McDonalds - Broadway St. Caller reported male party in blue Pontiac Sunfire threatening employee. Subject has several active warrants. Fled on foot. State police K9 responded. Officers unable to locate party, no threats

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Friday, May 5

0621 911 - Susp activity area search negative. Location/address: Folan Ave. Caller reports she heard someone in the hallway, thinks it may have been neighbor but not sure. Caller would like an officer to check area. 666 and 667 responding. Officer reports area clear. Caller informs officer she believes a homeless person may have fallen asleep in hallway. Officer reports front door has no lock and advised caller to notify landlord.

0704 phone - Parking violation citation/warning issued. Location/address: Engamore Ln. Caller complaining of parking in front of exits at train station.

0728 walk-in - Harassment *report filed. Location/address: Public Works Department - Lyman Pl. Party in lobby would like to speak with police officer about harassment he is receiving. Mc5 responded, spoke with complainant and responded to 1 Lyman Pl.

0925 phone - Assist citizen services rendered. Location/address: Highview St. Caller reports she is at aunts to pick up belongings and aunt is not at home. Caller's cousin is there and is refusing without aunt present. Some items allowed to be picked up, and other items aunt will need to be present. Peace maintained for now.

1008 phone - Larceny investigated. Location/address: Nichols St. Former employee took check from customer intended for her. Under investigation.

1115 walk-in - Stolen bicycle *report filed. Location/address: Irving St. Bike stolen from shed.

1200 phone - Susp activity services rendered. Location/address: Robinwood Rd. Resident advised on a text received. No crime.

1240 phone - Larceny *report filed. Location/address: Lansdowne Way Cash stolen from the house.

1305 phone - Warrant arrest *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Dean St. + Washington St. On detail, Off. Doherty has a visual on a subject who has warrants. As a result, one under arrest for multiple warrants. Arrest: Bopp, Joseph Michael Address: 22 Stratford Rd Dob: 01/16/1991 Charges: warrant arrest

1316 phone - Parking violation spoken to. Location/address: The Antique Roadhouse - Washington St. Caller reports a car alarm sounding every 15 - 20 minutes. MA tc21jk. Message left on machine, owner must work in area.

1330 phone - Vandalism *report filed. Location/address: Riverside Ct. Caller reports 2 of her landscaping trucks have had lug nuts loosened.

1424 phone - Assist citizen spoken to. Location/address: Dairy Fine - Fulton St. Problem with customer, who has left. Advised of letter of disinvite.

1453 phone - Assist other agency *report filed. Location/address: Norwood High School - Nichols St. Inappropriate behavior.

1457 phone - Animal complaint taken/referred to other. Location/address: George Willet Pkwy. 2 white German Shepherds running loose. NACO notified.

1458 phone - Soliciting gone on arrival. Location/address: Andrews St.

1604 911 - Unwanted party *report filed. Location/address: Elizabeth Grady - Lenox St. Black male has been in & out of store all day harassing customers, he just returned again and will not leave. Subject is sectioned by Riverside at same time. NFD transports.

1708 phone - Well being chk gone on arrival. Location/address: Norwood Plaza - Nahatan St. Report of 2 small children left alone in mv. Blue KIA Sportage. Goa. After further investigation, spoke

to car owner, there were 3 kids in the car, 13,9, and 2yoa. And owner's adult daughter was in the car parked next to hers.

1929 phone - Assist citizen transported to hospital. Location/address: Lansdowne Way Caller reports maintenance entered her apt without notice. Advised to contact management (ongoing problem)

1934 radio - Parking violation services rendered. Location/address: Perks Coffee House - Washington St. Officer reports all clear in front of Perks and 2nd Business, Envy, is closed.

1956 phone - Mischief (kids) gone on arrival. Location/address: Overlook Dr. + Ledgeview Dr. Kids riding on atv in middle of st.

2115 phone - Well being chk area search negative. Location/address: Washington St. + St. James Ave. Mother believes her daughter is drunk and walking around South Norwood. Units checked the area-unable to locate. N669 spoke to mother, she did not smell alcohol and was mad that the daughter wanted to go out with friends. Mother will recall police if the daughter returns home and is a problem.

2148 phone - Noise complaint group moved. Location/address: Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home - Washington St. Report kids in parking lot, hanging out, being loud. N669 reports they have moved along.

2250 phone - Liquor law violation *report filed. Location/address: Rama Wine and Spirits - Washington St. Report customer tried to use someone else's license at 2100 Hrs. Mc7 to conduct an investigation. After further investigation, report filed.

2345 phone - Breaking and entering *report filed. Location/address: Convenient Food Market - Washington St. Alarm co. Reports back door motion, glass breakage, 4 front motions. N665 reports this is a break. Keyholder responded. N668, N661, N664, N666, MC8 responded and building checked and surrounding areas. "North Shore Boarders" responded and handled the boarding of windows and door. Report filed and videotape accessed.

Saturday, May

0036 phone - Harassment *report filed. Location/address: Union St. Caller reports receiving harassing phone calls. N669 responded. Report filed. N669 contacted Mansfield Police who spoke to calling party and advised.

0151 phone - Report of fight *protective custody. Location/address: Oolah Ave. Caller requests to speak to officer about past fight that had taken place a few minutes earlier. N663, N669 responded. Officer requested NFD respond. As a result, 1 party treated on scene for face scratch and transported to hospital in P.C.

0251 phone - Disturbance services rendered. Location/address: Norwood Hospital - Washington St. Call for unruly patient in ER. N665, N662 responded and stoodby until patient settled down.

0528 911 - Report of fire Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: E Hoyle St. Caller reports hearing a bang and smelling something burning. N667, NFD responded. Home had been struck by lightning by the chimney. NFD on scene and handling same.

0631 phone - Breaking and entering *report filed. Location/address: David Terrace Apts. - David Ter. Caller reports an attempted breaking and entering to the coin operated washer and dryer in building C. Superintendent is on scene. N665 responding.

0739 phone - Threats *report filed. Location/address: Grace Episcopal Church - Chapel St. Caller states a woman at the food pantry made a threat towards her and would like to speak to officer.

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N667 responded.

0859 phone - Citizens complaint services rendered. Location/address: Norwood Police Dept. - Nahatan St. Open 5100 line, male asking "are you alright", female states "get out of the car" and some profanities, kids in the background. Verizon trace attempted but phone disconnects. Verizon unable to trace.

0914 phone - Assaults *report filed. Location/address: Oxford Rd. Caller reports neighbors from another apartment in multifamily home assaulted him. NFD sent. N665 spoke to all parties, simple assault, no one wished to pursue the matter.

1103 911 - Fuel spill/leak Police & Fire notified/r. Location/address: Mobil Gas - Wash./RR Av - Washington St. Customer reports the pump on the right side of the building is leaking gas. NFD handled same.

1552 phone - Complaint of m/v spoken to. Location/address: Cypress St. Report kids riding dirt bike on the street without helmet. N662 responded and located kids although they were riding at this time. Advised.

1810 phone - Susp activity services rendered. Location/address: Savin Ave. Sp male in the area and on the deck 50's w/m, short hair, green top and blue jeans. Officer reports the man was looking for his cat and checks out.

2043 phone - Kids gathering services rendered. Location/address: Countryside Ln. Kids moved from near the field

2116 phone - Susp vehicle *arrest(s)made. Location/address: Jefferson Dr. Caller reports vehicle has hit the curb and operator is in the vehicle. As a result one under arrest for oui. Don & Wallys towed 9nv800. Arrest: Regan, Brian M. Address: 126 Jefferson Dr. Dob: 04/23/1960 Charges: oui

liquor or .08%, 2nd offense Negligent operation of motor vehicle

Sunday, May 8

0910 walk-in - Hit and run *report filed. Location/address: Hawes Pool - Washington St. Party in lobby reports her car was struck on Friday while parked, unoccupied, no note left.

0921 phone - Well being chk spoken to. Location/address: Hawes Playground - Washington St. Report of a male subject sleeping on the jungle gym. N661 reports waiting for his boss to come and get him for work, he left towards Windsor Gardens.

1413 911 - Assist citizen services rendered. Location/address: Brewster Dr. Caller reports that she would like her daughter's friend to leave the house. N667, N661 sent, subject left without incident.

1454 phone - Animal complaint taken/referred to other. Location/address: Hillshire Ln. Resident found a dog in her garden, no tags. N.A.C.O. picked up same.

1813 phone - Debris on road services rendered. Location/address: Murphy Memorial Park - Pleasant St. Report syringe on ground between the port-a-potty and fence. N667 retrieved and properly disposed of same.

2219 phone - Noise complaint spoken to. Location/address: Brookfield Rd. Report loud music and resident inside his home yelling. N665 reports music is off upon arrival, spoke to resident.

2333 phone - Medical emergency transported to hospital. Location/address: Tamworth Rd.

2345 phone - Disturbance *arrest(s)made. Location/address: St. Joseph Ave. + Washington St. Report 3 females arguing/fighting in middle of the street. As a result, N665 returned with 1 female under arrest for Domestic a&b//st.

Mil:75220 @ 11:58 /end. Mil: 75222 @ Arrest: Hutt, Molly R. Address: 349 Willow St., Woonsocket, RIDob: 07/04/1988 Charges: a&b

Monday, May 9

0145 initiated - Malicious damage *report filed. Location/address: Kaufman Co - Walkhill Rd. N667 reports tagging on building on north and east side of building.

1814 walk-in - Domestic *report filed. Location/address: Jacobsen Dr. As a result of investigation, Walpole ambulance with N661 on board and N665 following, transports male to hospital for evaluation.

1823 phone - Complaint of m/v spoken to. Location/address: Vernon St. Report NH pc 2351585 parked on street for 2 weeks and hasn't moved. N666 reports legally parked, no answer at door. Dispatch left message at home phone. 1912 hrs- car owner called back, work being done on the home taking away spaces in the rear parking area, so until work is finished, resident was parking on street. Caller notified.

2342 phone - Susp vehicle area search negative. Location/address: Broadway + Guild St. Report MA pc 709wsa, male operator, driving slow through and made several passes through up-town area, stopping at stop signs for extended length of time. N666 checked area- no vehicles matching the description.

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BERTELETTI

Marion F. "Peggy" (Stone), 92, of Canton, November 23 in Florida following a long illness. Born in Norwood she attended Norwood schools and was a long-time employee of the Canton Public Schools. She worked as the Executive Secretary to the Principal at Canton High School for over 25 years and later worked part-time for the Math Department for several years. Beloved wife of the late Michael L. Berteletti. Loving mother of Barbara A. Hickey and her late husband Edward of Venice Fla., Michael W. Berteletti and his wife Paula of Canton, and the late Walter G. Berteletti. Loving grandmother of 10 and great-grandmother of 8. She was predeceased by 1 sister and 3 brothers. A Memorial Mass celebrating her life will be held Sat., May 14, at 12 Noon in St John the Evangelist Church, Washington St. Canton. Funeral arrangements by the Roache-Pushard Family Funeral Home 210 Sherman St. Canton, MA 02021. Interment is private.

Deaths

CHULLY

Mary H. (Giondomenico), of Norwood, May 8, after a long illness, surrounded by her loving family and friends. Beloved wife of the late Albert Chully. Devoted mother of Linda J. DeSignore and her husband William of Foxboro and Paul A. Chully and his wife Joann of Portland, Oregon. Sister of William Giondomenico of Az., Phyllis Greenlee of Ca. and the late James, Henry, Domenic Giondomenico and Elizabeth Medeiros. Also survived by 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Daughter of the late Michael J. and Jennie (DeGerolamo) Giondomenico. A Funeral Home Service will be held on Thursday at 10a.m. from the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home 1248 Washington St. Burial at Highland Cemetery.

D'ESPINOSA

Paul, 82, of Norwood, May 8. Beloved son of the late Paul J. and Anna E. (Barnatovich) D'Espinosa. Survived by a cousin Thomas F. D'Espinosa and his wife Jo-Ann of Middleboro and several other cousins. Funeral arranged by the Kraw-Kornack Funeral Home, 1248 Washington St. Interment was at Highland Cemetery.

WHITE

James Joseph "Jim", 57, of Alexandria, VA, died Friday. He was born to James and Elizabeth White, March 2, 1954, in Boston, and grew up in Norwood, graduated from Norwood High School in 1972 and received a BA in Economics from Saint Anselm College in 1976. Jim began working at Sanders Associates in

Nashua, NH before going on to build his career at Digital Equipment Corporation, which brought him from New Hampshire, to France, and Maryland. He went on to work at a number of IT companies, including Northrop Grumman, took great pride in his work and nurtured the careers of leaders across the Federal IT space. Jim is survived by three children, James Joseph Jr, Michael (and wife Erin) and Katherine. He is also survived by his parents, one sister and four brothers. Funeral arrangements by the Murphy Funeral Home, 4510 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, VA. Donations may be made in Jim's honor to the Wounded Warrior Project <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>.

Condolences Extended To:

Cynthia Johnson, on the loss of her mother, Margot T. (Anderson) Johnson of Dedham, May 6.

Marjorie Condon, on the loss of her brother, Robert James Kinsella of Dedham, May 4.

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JOB SEARCH SEMINAR AT ST. TIMOTHY'S

St. Timothy Parish Employment Watch Ministry will be hosting an encore presentation of the panel discussion "Effective Job Search Strategies and Techniques in a Difficult Market". All members of the panel have recently been successful in their job search campaigns and will share their experiences and knowledge with the audience. The event will be held on Tuesday, May 17, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Ruocco Center, St. Timothy Parish, 650 Nichols St. Light refreshments will be served. There is no charge but registration is required as seating is limited. RSVP by May 16, by calling 781-769-2522 and providing your name and phone number.

NUGGETS ANNUAL MEETING

Norwood Nuggets Youth Hockey will be holding its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 24 at 8 p.m. at the Sportsmen's Club on Nichols Street. All parents/guardians of Norwood Nuggets players are invited to attend. The purpose of this meeting is to provide general updates, review the budget, pass out placement letters and vote on the applicants who have applied for positions on the 2011-2012 Nuggets Board of Directors. Nominations are allowed from the floor at the Annual Meeting for all positions provided the party being nominated is present to accept such nomination.

HS AND COAKLEY ART SHOW

The Norwood Public Schools' Visual Arts Department will present an exhibit of sculptures created by students from the middle and high schools on Saturday, May

14 from noon to 2 p.m. The sculpture will be displayed in the historic setting of the Sunken Garden at Grace Episcopal Church. Organized by Laurie Mead McGrory, the Department Chair for Visual Art, and Elizabeth Mullaney, NHS Visual Arts Teacher, the exhibition includes a wide range of sculptures created specifically for display within the garden setting. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Students will sell refreshments to benefit the Visual Arts Department. Grace Episcopal Church is located at 150 Chapel Street. Rain date is May 15 from noon - 2 p.m.

A WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

Starting Kindergarten is a transitional rite of passage in our culture. Even children and parents who have experienced several years of preschool education perceive this transition as a big step forward, generally met with

a combination of excitement and anxiety. This workshop helps parents of upcoming kindergartners understand and evaluate the changes in Kindergarten of recent years. Strategies for helping children (and adults) feel prepared for and successful at making the transition to Kindergarten are also shared. Tuesday, May 17, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the James R. Savage Educational Center, 275 Prospect Street, Room 219, Presenter is Susan Marx, Families First. Register by contacting Jeanne Morrison at Norwood Public Schools, jmorrison@norwood.k12.ma.us or 781-440-5983. This workshop is offered by the Coordinated Family and Community Engagement grants of Norwood & Walpole Public Schools.

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FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS FOR SENIORS

VNA Care Network & Hospice will offer free health screenings for seniors at Walsh Housing, 40 William Shyne Circle, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 12. Known as Be Safe, Smart and Strong, these bone density, foot and balance screenings can identify problems that could contribute to serious falls. Screenings take approximately 20 minutes. Appointment required. Contact Walsh Housing at 781-762-8115, ext. 208. Be Safe, Smart and Strong is funded by a grant from HESSCO Elder Services and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs with funds from Title III of the Older American's Act. A complete schedule of upcoming programs is available at www.vnacarenetwork.org.

MANAGING MEDICATIONS TALK BY VNA CARE NETWORK & HOSPICE

VNA Care Network & Hospice, a nonprofit home health care, hospice and wellness provider, will offer Managing Your Medications and Other Essentials: What You Should Know, at Nahatan Village, 86 Nahatan St., from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Friday, May 20. This talk will cover how medicines work, the effects of aging on medication use, warning signs of drug interactions and strategies for safely managing medications. Free. Open to seniors age 60 years and older. For more information, contact Maureen Sendrowski, RN, MPH, of VNA Care Network & Hospice at 888-663-3688, ext. 5603 or msendrowski@vnacarenetwork.org.

MUSICAL PRESENTATION

Enjoy a "Musical Journey through the years" with Tommy Ruell, on Thursday, May 12, at 1:30 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Norwood Cultural Council.

AFTERNOON DANCE

Our afternoon dance will be held on Friday, May 13, 1:30-3:30 p.m. with music by John Rampino. Cost is \$5.00 p.p. Please sign up at the front desk.

TRIAD

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, May 16, at 12:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Norfolk County District Attorney, Michael Morrissey.

PROPOPE: (Prose, Poetry & People)

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 18, from 1:00-3:00 pm.

HONORING SENIORS 90 AND OVER

Please join our celebratory luncheon for all Norwood Seniors-90 and over on Thursday, May 19, at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$5 per person.

HISTORY TALK

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 19, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The topic will be "Democratic U.S. becomes an Empire."

FRIENDS OF NORWOOD COUNCIL ON AGING DANCE

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Please note that our next Oil Painting Class is scheduled for Friday, May 22.

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WATER COLOR

Our next class will be held on Thursday, May 26, from 9:00 to Noon. Please sign up at the front desk.

DIABETES WORKSHOP

Thursday, April 26, at 11:00 a.m. This workshop is conducted by Hellenic Health Care of Canton.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

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COMPUTER CLUB

The Computer Club meets at 1 p.m. each Wednesday in the library. Users of all skill levels are welcome.

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NORWOOD SENIOR CENTER CRAFT FAIR

The Norwood Senior Center is seeking talented and creative crafters to reserve a space at our forthcoming fall craft fair. This is a great opportunity to display and sell your handmade creations. The fair will be Saturday, October 1, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Center, 275 Prospect Street. Register for an 8' space at \$40 by September 1. For more information or an application call Evelyn Kuphal at 781-769-2169.

MINI FIX-IT SHOP

The workshop will be open from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. This is a free service except for parts you may need to purchase. Please, no televisions.

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NORWOOD RETIRED MEN'S CLUB

Board of Directors meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Senior Center. The Club Membership meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Norwood Elks Lodge at 10:00 a.m.

SENIOR BOWLING

The Senior Bowling league meets every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the Norwood Sports Center. This is a mixed league and three strings are played for \$6. Please note the fee has been raised to \$6.00.

SENIOR SUPPERS

Caritas Norwood Hospital offers a Senior Supper Program consisting of soup, entree and a drink in the cafeteria from Monday through Friday, 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. The cost is \$5.50.

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Our SHINE Counselor, Carol, continues to assist you on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Please call 781-762-1201 for appointments.

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A shared ride program is available to Norwood residents over the age of 60 who need to travel to Boston for medical appointments. Suggested donation is \$25. Appointments in Boston between the hours of 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Monday & Wednesday qualify for this program, which is provided, in part, through Title III funds of The Americans Act from HESSCO Elder Services. Donations are voluntary and no individual will be denied service due to inability to donate. For more information or to reserve a ride call: Foxfield Transportation, 1-800-585-8294, 508-543-2828, or 508-553-3000

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